

Ryan White Planning Body

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 20, 2019; 11:30am-1:30pm

Valerie C. Woodard Center, Rooms 4014-4015 / 3205 Freedom Dr. Charlotte

Meeting goals

1. Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020
2. Elect 2 new Membership Workgroup Co-Chairs
3. Understand the pros and cons of paying for Health Insurance Marketplace vs. Ryan White

Attendance

Members: Annette Huffstead, Bruce Trujano, Chelsea Gulden, Christina Adeleke, Dana Reid, Dinikia Savage, James Settles, Joanna Martinez, Lamar Gill, Michael Bivens, Rick Shelton, Robert Winstead, Vivian Perlman (via Skype), Windee Sanderson

Guests: Mary Cate Kapopulos, Jaysen McMaster-Foreman, Donde B. Jones, Laura (last name?), Luis Cruz, Tammeka Evans (via Skype), Kayla Earley

Meeting minutes

Welcome & Review of meeting minutes

Co-Chair Chelsea Gulden welcomed attendees and introduced new signage to guide group discussion:

1. ELMO: Enough, Let's move on
2. Step up, Step back

Gulden asked participants to review meeting minutes from 1/16/19 meeting. Minutes were approved as written with common consensus.

Needs Assessment Workgroup report

Needs Assessment Workgroup Member Christina Adeleke presented a summary from the last Needs Assessment Workgroup meeting, highlighting changes made to the draft Needs Assessment survey.

Kayla Earley presented the online English version of the survey to the group. The group went through the survey question by question and provided changes. Christina Adeleke suggested that two gender options be added: Non-binary and Gender fluid. Adeleke and Earley to do research on interchangeability of these terms before finalizing.

By common consensus, members agreed to the following changes:

1. Regarding insurance, allow respondents to check all insurance options that apply. Also add "Obamacare" to "Marketplace," as many consumers use this terminology.
2. Add "jail" as an option to "Where do you live now?"
3. Eliminate question regarding housing expenses by percentage
4. Eliminate questions related to a person's history with jail

Earley to make these changes before sending out the final survey link.

Election: Membership Workgroup Co-Chairs

Chelsea Gulden facilitated Membership Workgroup Chair election process. Vivian Perlman withdrew from the race, leaving Annette Huffstead and Lamar Gill as sole candidates for the Co-Chair positions. Members approved election of Annette Huffstead and Lamar Gill as Membership Workgroup Co-Chairs by common consensus.

Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Chelsea Gulden reviewed the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 meeting calendar and workplan with the workgroup. Members approved the meeting calendar and workplan with common consensus.

Meeting calendar is online: <https://www.mecknc.gov/HealthDepartment/RyanWhite/Pages/Ryan-White-Planning-Body.aspx>

Presentation: Cost of Health Insurance Marketplace vs. Ryan White

Subject Matter Experts Jaysen McMaster-Foreman and Mary Cate Kapopulos joined Chelsea Gulden to present on the Cost of Health Insurance Marketplace vs. Ryan White. McMaster-Foreman and Kapopulos explained how data is missing in cost-service utilization, as comprehensive health insurance services are not captured in CAREWare. The pair presented detailed case studies of clients who have benefited from Marketplace enrollment/premium assistance and emphasized the value of having access to comprehensive healthcare coverage rather than merely HIV services.

Participants with questions or referrals should contact Jaysen at 704-426-0886 or J.Foreman@carolinarain.org.

Next meeting

Kayla Earley reported that the next meeting – Wednesday, March 20; 11:30a-1:30p – will be in Rooms 4011-4012 of the Valerie C. Woodard Conference Center (Suite 4000, Door E); 3205 Freedom Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208.

Earley asked participants to complete the meeting evaluation, which is now online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C7YPW9H>